
Michael F. Applegate



Director, Manpower Plans and Policies Division Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps

Mr. Applegate is responsible for formulating the Marine Corps force manpower plans, determining total manpower requirements, and preparing plans, policies, programs, and instructions on manpower matters to implement the Commandant of the Marine Corps' policies and decisions impacting over 202,000 active component Marines, 39,600 Selected Marine Corps Reserve Marines, nearly 60,000 Individual Ready Reserve Marines, and 30,000 Civilian Marines worldwide. Responsibilities also include determining the allocation, distribution and use of all Marine Corps military and civilian manpower, preparing manpower budget estimates and justifications, maintaining liaison with external agencies in manpower matters, and administering and coordinating the overall Marine Corps productivity improvement and total quality leadership efforts.

Mr. Applegate was appointed to his current position as the Director, Manpower Plans and Policy Division in November 2005. He has four years of Federal Service.

Prior to this appointment Mr. Applegate served 30 years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Upon graduation from Baldwin Wallace College in 1976 Mr. Applegate was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served four tours in the Operating Forces holding command positions at platoon, company, and Assault Amphibian Battalion level. He also served in a number of staff positions in HQMC (M&RA), U.S. Central Command, on the OPNAV staff, and commanded Security Battalion, MCB, Quantico, VA. Mr. Applegate participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm with 1st Battalion, 7th Marines

His civilian education includes a bachelor's of arts in history from Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio in 1976, and a master's degree in national security and strategic studies as a distinguished graduate of the Naval War College in 1992. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit with Gold Star, Bronze Star with Combat "V," Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Navy & Marine Corps Achievement

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